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Public Hearings Scheduled for MG&E Rate Increase

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public hearings on October 6th on Madison Gas and Electric Company's (MG&E) request to increase electric and natural gas service rates, effective January 1, 2006.

MG&E requested to increase electric rates by 5.09% and natural gas service by 1.37%. When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's expenses and revenues. The agency will look at the amount MG&E needs to provide a reliable source of energy to customers, which includes costs for maintenance, new construction, environmental protection, fuel and employee wages.

Public testimony is also considered by the Commission when it determines the amount of money the utility needs to prudently provide reliable utility service and will set a maximum rate of return that the utility can provide to investors.

Citizens are invited to attend the public hearings and provide testimony on MG&E's rate request. All testimony will be included in the record which the Commission will review as it prepares to make a decision. The PSC also accepts written comments at the public hearings, through mail or electronically at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. All comments are due by October 6th.

The hearings are set to begin:

Thursday, October 6th
1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Public Service Commission
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, 1st floor
610 N. Whitney Way
Madison, WI

The Public Service Commission building is accessible to people with wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Gail Maly, Docket Coordinator, at 608-267-9327.

Documents associated with MG&E's application, can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 3270-UR-114.

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